

REMARKS

Claims 20-32 are pending in this patent application. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejection

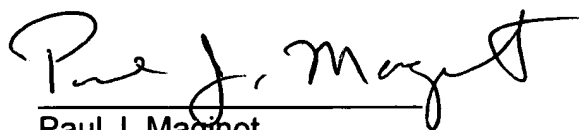
Claims 20-32 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 38, 39 and 42-44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,040. A Terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith in order to obviate this rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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